

COURTLAND CLIPPINGS

SUMMER 2021



7450 14 Mile Rd NE
Rockford MI 49341
www.courtlandtwp.org

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00am to 4:30pm
CLOSED FRIDAYS

PHONE: (616) 866-0622

BURN PERMITS:

Email: firechief@courtlandtwp.org

Call: (616) 866-3511 or

Text: (616) 813-2961

BUILDING, PLUMBING, AND HEATING PERMITS:

Imperial Municipal Services

(616) 863-9294

ELECTRICAL PERMITS:

Casey Kalee (616) 874-6289

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

SUPERVISOR: Matt McConnon

TREASURER & ZA*: Colleen Brown

CLERK: Susan Hartman

TRUSTEES: Mary Ann Andersen, Kimberly

McIntyre, Sandy Frandsen, Terry Bartels

ASSESSOR: Jane Kolbe

COMPLIANCE OFFICER: Tony Goss

*Zoning Administrator

MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings at 7:00 PM

TOWNSHIP BOARD: 1st Wednesday

PLANNING COMMISSION: 3rd Tuesday

ZBA: 2nd Wednesday

HOLIDAY HOURS

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED:

Independence Day: July 5

Labor Day: Sept. 7



DOG LICENSES

Licenses may be purchased year-round at the Kent County Animal Shelter, various vet offices, and some Township offices. 1-yr and 3-yr licenses are available depending on the rabies expiration date. Call (616) 632-7300 or visit www.accesskent.com

SUPERVISOR NOTES

Summer is here and I hope you are all getting out to enjoy the beautiful weather that we are having. Our disc golf course continues to see many guests and the walking trail around the course provides a great way to get some exercise. We are continuing to look for new things to add to our park so please feel free to email us with suggestions for the area.

As many of you are aware, MDOT is adding passing lanes in both directions on M-57 (14 Mile Rd) between Farland Ave and Ramsdell Dr. This is scheduled to be complete in July and will hopefully add some relief along M-57 and also help to reduce the crashes that happen due to passing.

We have our new and very improved website (www.courtlandtwp.org) up and running. We are doing our best to make it a user friendly place to go for any information you need about Courtland Township. We will continue to add new things as we move forward and hope that you will share any ideas that you may have with us. We will no longer be sending out a paper copy of the newsletter as it will be posted on the website. There is a place for anyone who wants to receive notifications about events and township news on the website, so please take time to get signed up by clicking on "Subscribe."

Matt McConnon, Township Supervisor

TREASURER NOTES

Summer Taxes 2021 Due:

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 by 4:30 PM.

Additional interest applies after

September 14, 2021

REMEMBER: Since we do not plan to have another newsletter going forward, please see our website for future tax bill information. Keep a copy of this newsletter for future reference also, but any changes will be noted on the website.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

In Person: A cashier or personal check is preferred. If paying in cash, **MUST** bring the EXACT amount.

By Mail: For a receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and your ENTIRE tax bill. Mail Early – **POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED** and mailing can take up to 7 days or more these days.



Drop Box: For your convenience, a payment drop box is located by the front door 24/7.

Online Payments: Pay your taxes online with a credit card or e-check only with a link from our NEW Township Website: www.courtlandtwp.org **Convenience fees apply as noted.** Click the "Online Payments" button on the home page and you will be taken to the link to access BS&A Services/Online Payments/Current Tax Payments. Either choose to set up an account as property owner for free access, or pay the \$2.00 fee with your credit card as a separate transaction to continue. Once you have found your parcel through BS&A there will be an option to access "Point and Pay" to process your tax payment with a credit card or e-check payment. Point and Pay convenience fees are 3% of the credit card amount or \$3.00 for an e-check (A credit card run as a debit card is not an option). Be sure to have a transaction receipt emailed to you as proof of payment. Credit card & e-check payments are accepted July 1, 2021 through Feb. 23, 2022. **We do not accept credit card payments at the office.**

The Treasurer's office is not responsible for payment on the wrong property.

Delinquent Property Taxes: Your tax bill will have a reminder note on it if delinquent taxes are still due for your parcel from prior years. Please contact Kent County Treasurer, at (616) 632-7500, for further information.

Summer Tax Deferment: Applications must be received before September 14, 2021 at the Township Hall to be eligible.

Principal Residence Exemption (PRE):

Check your tax bill to make sure you are receiving the PRE if you qualify. To qualify for this year, you must own and occupy your residence before June 1st, 2021 for Summer and Nov. 1st, 2021 for Winter.

Mortgage Escrow Payments: We sent your tax bill to the mortgage company IF the mortgage company requested the bill. The message "Informational Copy" means that your tax bill has been sent to your mortgage company or the Tax Service they utilize. This is printed in RED in the "Tax Detail" portion of your tax bill on the right side. If your taxes are escrowed and your bill was not sent to your mortgage company, make a copy of the bill for your records, and forward the original tax bill to your mortgage company directly for payment.

Courtland Township Annual Budget is adopted at our March Regular Township Board Meeting yearly. Our fund balances are available upon request at the Treasurer's Office. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support.

*Colleen Brown, Treasurer
Milissa Soderstrom, Deputy Treasurer*

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Summertime Safety for Kids around Water, Fireworks or Campfires: Please keep a very close eye on young children. Teach them to respect it and how dangerous it can be.

Please change your batteries in your Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. Test them every month by pushing the test button on them. Did you know you should replace the entire smoke detector every ten years? We have free smoke detectors at the Township Hall and Fire Station. If you have the wired together detectors and need to replace them, buy new ones and we will come over free of charge and replace them for you.

Knox Boxes are now available for single family residences. Knox Boxes enable first responders with access to secure buildings in the case of an emergency. For more information or to have a Knox Box installed for \$170.00, please call the Fire Chief at 616-866-3511.

911 Emergency Address Signs: If you or a loved one is having a medical emergency it is very difficult for us to respond to your house quickly with no address out by the road.

Even in subdivisions it is very hard for us to see the address on your house. We have the Green & White reflective address signs available for \$10.00. Call the Township office to order one at (616) 866-0622. If you do not have one of these address signs, please have your address on both sides of your mailbox. Also, please keep the high grass and weeds mowed around them so we can see your address.

Burn Permits: Please, before you burn email firechief@courtlandtwp.org, Text (616) 813-2961 or call (616) 866-3511. Remember, all burning must be done during daylight hours and burning should be a safe distance from all buildings, tall grass, and trees. Do not leave fires unattended and have a garden hose handy. Burning of tires, roofing, construction materials, treated lumber, garbage, plastics, rubber, or petroleum products is prohibited.

We are looking to hire Firefighters. No experience needed; we will train you. Must be 18 years old with a clean driving record and a high school diploma.

Have a safe summer!

Steve Mojzuk, Courtland Fire Chief

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S DESK

This year, field reviews were completed for sections 19-21 in the Township, including my own neighborhood. Thank you for the cooperation of homeowners in these sections. Field reviews are conducted entirely outside of any structures and include measurements if needed and updated photos. For our safety protocol when we arrive at a property, we knock, stand back away from the door, and converse with homeowners from a safe distance. Questionnaires are mailed out prior to conducting the reviews to let you know we will be in your area. We carry photo I.D. as well as have a magnet on the car. If in doubt that it is a Township employee, feel free to email me or contact the office at 616-866-0622.

Residential values are still increasing and sales for our two-year study for 2022 values ended on March 31, 2021. Any sales after that date will be used for 2023 values.

If you have any questions on this or any assessment topic, please call or email me.

Jane Kolbe, Assessor

CLERK NOTESEVENTS for 2021• **STYROFOAM (POLYSTYRENE) RECYCLE**

Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th, 8:30am – 3:30pm

The Dart Container Corp. truck will be located in parking lot by the disc golf course. For specific details on what types of Styrofoam items that can be recycled please visit our website at www.courtlandtwp.org or call us for more details.

• **FALL CLEAN UP**

Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th, 8:30am – 3:30pm

Dumpsters located behind Fire Station #1 - ENTER off Berrigan Ave. We WILL accept appliances, mattresses & box springs at no charge. We WILL NOT accept paints, liquids, tires, propane bottles or TV's. For a full list of items not accepted, please visit www.plummersdisposal.com

• **TIRE RECYCLE**

Saturday, October 2nd, 8:00am – 12:00pm

Located behind Fire Station #1 - ENTER off Berrigan Ave. PASSENGER tires only, NO semi, tractor, or loader tires. See our website for more details.

ELECTIONS in 2021

What is on the ballot for the 2021 elections?

The 28th District State Senate was vacated by Peter MacGregor when he was elected as the Treasurer for Kent County. The Primary election to be held on August 3rd, will determine which Democrat and which Republican will be on the ballot in the General election on November 2nd.

If you are signed up on the Permanent Absent Voter List then you should have received your Absent Voter Application by the time you are reading this. If you have not, please contact Nyha or me so we can take care of you.

The drive up ballot box will be placed back outside for your convenience.

Primary Election - Tuesday, August 3rd, Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

General Election - Tuesday, November 2nd, Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

*Sue Hartman, Clerk
Nyha French, Deputy Clerk*